Alberta Treasury
Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF July 4 TO July 7, 2000

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month	Month'00/ Month'99	Comments
Help Wanted Index (1996=100)	June			
Alberta	161	0.0%	22.9%	The help-wanted index is a measure of firms' intentions to hire new workers rather than giving overtime to existing employees. The index for Nova Scotia (-1.8%), British Columbia (-1.4%), Saskatchewan (-0.7%), and New Brunswick (-0.5%), fell in June. The other provinces had little change, except for a strong Newfoundland (4.3%). Alberta (22.9%) had the second highest year over year increase behind P.E.I (29.4%).
Canada	169	0.0%	6.3%	
Building Permits ($ millions)	May			
Alberta	431.8	1.1%	10.7%	Building permits rose by 1.1% in Alberta in May but fell 0.8% nationally. The 4.3% fall in Alberta's residential permits was more than offset by a strong non-residential sector. Nationally, during the first five months, building permits were up 9.3%, over the same period in 1999. In Alberta, the gain was 12.7% followed by Ontario (10.9%) and Quebec (9.0%).
Canada	2,889.0	-0.8%	0.8%	
Land Sales for Alberta (millions of dollars)	June 58.8	-47.0%	5.4%	Land sales totalled $58.8 million in June. The year-to-date land sales in fiscal 2000/01 was 166.4% higher than in the same period a year ago. Because of the expectation of higher energy prices the price per hectare for this fiscal year is 91.4% higher than a year ago.